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- FACILITY ATTACHMENTS

REF: (A) VIENNA 3307, (B) VIENNA 3530, (C) VIENNA 3500

1. A. BARUFFA, CHIEF ADVISER TO DG LEONARD WILLIAMS, CALLED MISSION OFFICER TO REPORT THE STATUS OF FACILITY ATTACHMENT (FA) PREPARATION WITHIN EURATOM. HE SAID THAT FA'S FOR 73 "LOCATIONS OUTSIDE FACILITY" (LOF'S), 21 LIGHT WATER REACTORS, 36 RESEARCH REACTORS, AND THE WAK REPROCESSING PLANT HAVE NOW BEEN FORMALLY AGREED TO BY MEMBER COUNTRIES AND FACILITY OPERATORS.

2. TWO LETTERS FROM COMMISSIONER BRUNNER TO DG EKLUND WILL BE DELIVERED PRIOR TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING ON APRIL 21 REPORTING THE ABOVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS. (THE SECOND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LETTER WAS NECESSARY TO INCLUDE LAST MINUTE AGREEMENTS, E.G., THE WAK FACILITY).

3. BARUFFA THEN REFERRED TO THE IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF APRIL 5 (REF A). HE SAID THAT THE REPORT STRUCK THEM AS BEING MORE NEGATIVE THAN WARRANTED. THAT IS, HE SAID, EKLUND SEEMED TO BE

EMPHASIZING THE REMAINING PROBLEMS MORE THAN WHAT THE COMMISSION VIEWS AS BEING VERY SIGNIFICANT AND SUBSTANTIAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS. HE ARGUED THAT THE PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED BY EKLUND AS BEING OUTSTANDING ARE NOT UNIQUE TO THE EURATOM SITUATION BUT ARE WORLDWIDE PROBLEMS THAT NEED RESOLUTION IN ALL COUNTRIES UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS. HE SAID THAT THE COMMISSION HOPES THE APRIL 21 MEETING WILL RESULT IN MORE OF A RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS THAN A FOCUSING ON REMAINING PROBLEM AREAS.

4. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH BEN SHARPE, EURATOM SAFEGUARDS DIRECTORATE, MISSION LEARNED THAT THERE REMAIN TO BE COMPLETED THE FACILITY ATTACHMENTS FOR ABOUT 10 RESEARCH REACTORS, A NUMBER OF LABORATORIES, AND ABOUT 12 BULK HANDLING FACILITIES. SHARPE SAID THE 10 RESEARCH REACTORS ARE THOSE THAT HAVE SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF PLUTONIUM OR HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM ON HAND AND WERE TOO DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE PRIOR TO THE APRIL 21 MEETING. HE NOTED THAT ESSENTIALLY ALL OF THE REMAINING FACILITIES ARE MADE DIFFICULT BY THE TIMELY DETECTION CONCEPT (THAT IS, BY THE QUANTIFYING OF THE TERM TIMELY DETECTION). HE SAID THAT A POLITICAL DECISION ON THESE REMAINING CLASSES OF FACILITIES WILL LIKELY BE REQUIRED BEFORE FACILITY ATTACHMENTS CAN BE COMPLETED.

5. COMMENT: MISSION AGREES WITH COMMISSION VIEW THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THERE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS AND THAT THIS SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED AT THE APRIL 21 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING. HOWEVER, AS NOTED IN REF (B), AND GENERALLY CONFIRMED BY SHARPE, THERE ARE STILL SOME DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD. WE SUGGEST THAT, IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE COMMEND BOTH PARTIES FOR THE RECENT PROGRESS AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE REMAINING WORK WILL BE COMPLETED QUICKLY (AS RECOMMENDED PARA 3, REF C). HE SHOULD NOT, IN OUR VIEW, GO SO FAR AS TO IMPLY THAT THE REMAINING EFFORT IS SIMPLY A MOPPING-UP EXERCISE. HINTON

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